

**AN IMPROVED SYSTEM, METHOD AND APPARATUS TO ALLOW  
COMMUNICATION BETWEEN CICS AND NON-CICS SOFTWARE APPLICATIONS**

**Abstract of the Disclosure**

A system, method and apparatus to facilitate the invocation of existing CICS BMS transactions and deliver the executed transaction output to a requesting application as a standardized XML document. Building upon a facility which intercepts the flow of control between a user transaction and BMS, the instant invention replaces the use of terminal-oriented data streams with XML documents. In doing so, the instant invention eliminates the use of prior art techniques, such as "screen scraping".